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**CLEAN VERSION OF SELECT PARAGRAPHS OF THE SPECIFICATION AND ALL  
PENDING CLAIMS**

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 3 under the heading "Summary of Invention," with the following:

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$\beta^1$  --According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a multiple criteria buying and selling methodology is provided. The multiple criteria buying and selling methodology is structured to provide buyers and sellers with a variety of information relating to criteria in the purchasing of products to complete a business transaction. By providing the buyers and sellers with a variety of information, the buyers are able to make an informed decision in the buying process relating to each buyer's particular needs, and the seller's are able to control the type of purchases for their goods and services. To facilitate buying and selling products using the multiple criteria buying and selling methodology, an electronic forum is provided whereby buyers and sellers are able to conveniently exchange information and order products.--

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